

Lands, the Honourable the Attorney General, should be received and treated in all respects as ordinary registered letters.

XXVI. Any neglect of these simple but important regulations, which shall involve the loss of a registered letter, will not only render the party liable to be called on to make good the amount of the loss sustained in consequence, but will be visited with instant dismissal from the service; and that there may be no misconception in regard to the course to be pursued with registered letters, it must be distinctly understood that the person to whom such letter is last traced, will be held responsible for it as a matter of course, until he shall have discharged himself of the responsibility by a satisfactory explanation. It will, therefore, be necessary for every Postmaster, on opening a bag, immediately to seek the letter bill, and in the event of a registered letter being entered on it, to certify its arrival by attaching his initials to such entry; he will then deliver it or cause it to be delivered to the party for whom it is intended, when the usual official receipt should be obtained. Should any entry be made on the letter bill of a registered letter, and such letter (although it ought, from its being enclosed in a green cover, to be distinctly seen,) cannot be found in the bag, the circumstance must be immediately reported to the Postmaster General, as well as all other irregularities connected with registered letters, in order that innocent parties may not be involved in heavy responsibilities, which in reality do not attach to them.

Penalty in the event of neglect.

Caution respecting registered letters.

Arrival to be certified.

Receipt to be taken.

Non-arrival or loss to be reported.

Irregularities to be reported.

XXVII. Letters forwarded by a vessel of war are to be made up in a mail under similar regulations to those under which mails are sent by ordinary mail packets. When such mails are

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